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Applicant(s)

FLETCHER ET AL.

Examiner

Kenneth R. Coulter

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment After Final on 5/19/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-8,11-13,16-18,21-23,26-28,30,31,33 and 34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-8,11-13,16-18,21-23,26-28,30,31,33 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 October 2005 and 23 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment after final filed on 5/19/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 21 – 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 21 – 23 are directed to software that is not implemented on a computer-readable **storage** medium.

Data structures not claimed as embodied in computer-readable media are descriptive material *per se* and are not statutory because they are not capable of causing functional change in the computer. See, e.g., *Warmerdam*, 33 F.3d at 1361, 31 USPQ2d at 1760 (claim to a data structure *per se* held nonstatutory). Such claimed data structures do not define any structural and functional interrelationships between the data structure and other claimed aspects of the invention which permit the data structure's functionality to be realized. In contrast, a claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a data structure defines structural and functional interrelationships between the data structure and the computer software and hardware components which permit the data structure's functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1 – 3, 6 – 8, 11 – 13, 16 – 18, 21 – 23, 26 – 28, 30, 31, 33, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dillon et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,658,463) (Satellite Multicast Performance Enhancing Multicast HTTP Proxy System and Method).

The applied reference has a common assignee and one common inventor (Douglas M. Dillon) with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention “by another,” or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

4.1 Regarding claim 1, Dillon discloses a method of performing an address look-up, the method comprising:

receiving a query, at a terminal, from a local host requesting address information (Figs. 5c – 5e, 6; Abstract; col. 2, line 63 – col. 3, line 26; col. 8, lines 41 – 62);

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determining whether the address information is stored in memory (Figs. 5c – 5e, 6; Abstract; col. 4, lines 22 – 41; col. 8, lines 41 – 62);

transmitting the address information by the terminal to the local host if the address information is stored in the memory (Figs. 5c – 5e, 6; Abstract; col. 4, lines 22 – 41; col. 8, lines 41 – 62);

forwarding the query over a wide area network via a satellite to a remote computer system to retrieve the address information, if the address information is not stored in the memory, wherein the satellite is remote from the terminal (Figs. 4, 5c – 5e, 6; Abstract; col. 4, lines 22 – 41 “cache miss”; col. 2, lines 5 – 45);

receiving a multicast message to pre-load the memory with the address information (Abstract; col. 9, lines 7 – 17; col. 4, lines 22 – 41; col. 10, line 60 – col. 11, line 8).

4.2 Per claim 2, Dillon teaches the method according to claim 1, further comprising: updating the address information in memory with the retrieved address information from the remote computer system (col. 17, lines 1 – 12).

4.3 Regarding claim 3, Dillon discloses the method according to claim 1, wherein the query in the receiving step specifies a domain name, and the address information corresponding to the domain name is an Internet Protocol (IP) address (col. 9, lines 7 – 17).

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4.4 Per claims 6 – 8, 11 – 13, 16 – 18, 21 – 23, 26 – 28, 30, 31, 33, and 34, the rejection of claims 1 – 3 under 35 USC 102(e) (paragraphs 4.1 – 4.3 above) applies fully.

5. Claims 1 – 3, 6 – 8, 11 – 13, 16 – 18, 21 – 23, 26 – 28, 30, 31, 33, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chatterjee et al. (System and Method for Internet Page Acceleration Including Multicast Transmissions).

5.1 Regarding claim 1, Chatterjee discloses a method of performing an address look-up, the method comprising:

receiving a query, at a terminal, from a local host requesting address information (Figs. 4, 5; Abstract “request for the objects”; col. 2, lines 32 – 35 “requesting web pages and objects”; col. 3, lines 14 – 31; col. 7, lines 24 – 53);

determining whether the address information is stored in memory (Abstract; col. 3, lines 14 – 31; col. 7, lines 24 – 53);

transmitting the address information by the terminal to the local host if the address information is stored in the memory (Abstract “assemble data objects at locations proximate to a source to avoid latency over delayed links”; col. 7, lines 24 – 53);

forwarding the query over a wide area network via a satellite to a remote computer system to retrieve the address information, if the address information is not

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stored in the memory, wherein the satellite is remote from the terminal (Abstract; col. 3, lines 14 – 31 “The cache then sends a request to the host station through the satellite communications system for each identified object contained in the linked list of objects that is not stored in the cache”; col. 7, lines 24 – 53);

receiving a multicast message to pre-load the memory with the address information (Abstract; col. 6, lines 15 – 33; col. 7, lines 24 – 53 “the present invention **updates caches** associated with a plurality of terminal devices using, for example, **multicast protocols that allow for efficient transmission of cache data over a satellite network.**”).

5.2 Per claim 2, Chatterjee teaches the method according to claim 1, further comprising: updating the address information in memory with the retrieved address information from the remote computer system (Abstract; col. 6, lines 15 – 33; col. 7, lines 24 – 53).

5.3 Regarding claim 3, Chatterjee discloses the method according to claim 1, wherein the query in the receiving step specifies a domain name, and the address information corresponding to the domain name is an Internet Protocol (IP) address (col. 7, lines 24 – 53 “Thus, the delay of transmitting the **IP address** across the satellite from the remote station and receiving the request back is substantially reduced.”).

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5.4 Per claims 6 – 8, 11 – 13, 16 – 18, 21 – 23, 26 – 28, 30, 31, 33, and 34, the rejection of claims 1 – 3 under 35 USC 102(e) (paragraphs 5.1 – 5.3 above) applies fully.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R. Coulter whose telephone number is 571 272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on 5 4 9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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